

REMARKS


The Office Action has set forth a restriction requirement alleging that claims 1-38 are directed to three distinct inventions. Specifically, the Office Action alleged that claims 1-16 are drawn to an overlay method (Group I), that claims 17-28 (Group II) are drawn to a method of determining mask to mask overlay error, and that claims 29-38 (Group III) are drawn to a mask set. In response to this requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-16, without traverse. To expedite the examination of this application, Applicant has canceled the non-elected claims 17-38.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this response to restriction requirement. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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